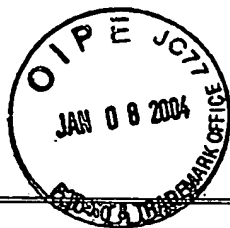


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	4,024,560	05/17/77	Miller et al.			
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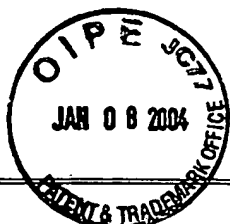
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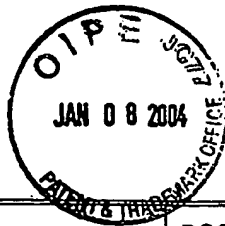
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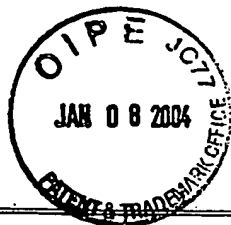
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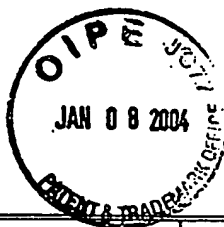
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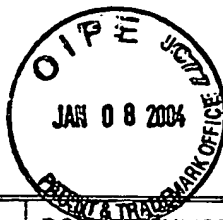
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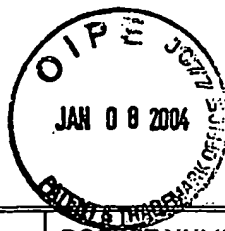
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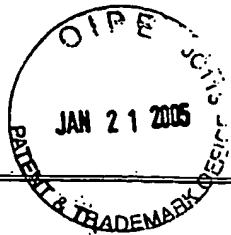


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